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SUBJECT: CHILEAN ARMS REQUESTS

REF: STATE 084285

1. SUMMARY: PINOCHET APPRECIATIVE OF OUR WILLINGNESS SELL ARMS
REFTEL. WILL TREAT INFORMATION AS CONFIDENTIAL. IS ANXIOUS
FOR INFORMATION ON DELIVERY TIMES AND UNDERSTANDS CONGRESSIONAL
SITUATION. END SUMMARY

2. I CALLED ON JUNTA PRESIDENT PINOCHET AT 10:00 A.M. TODAY,
APRIL 26, TO CONVEY INFORMATION REFTEL.

3. GENERAL PINOCHET SAID "THIS IS VERY GOOD NEWS" AND ASSURED
ME HE WOULD TREAT IT AS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

4. HE INQUIRED ABOUT DELIVERY TIMES, NOTING THAT CHILE HAD
ALREADY WAITED TWO YEARS FOR THE TANKS IT HAS BEEN SEEKING
FROM US. I SAID I DID NOT HAVE CURRENT INFORMATION ON DELIVERY
TIMES, BUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INFORMING AMBASSADOR
HEITMANN PROMPTLY OF THIS DECISION AND BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND
HERE APPROPRIATE U.S. AND CHILEAN PERSONNEL COULD SORT OUT
THESE DETAILS.

5. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR SITUATION AND OUR
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EXPECTATION OF AN ADVERSE CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC REACTION

TO THIS DECISION WHICH COULD PREJUDICE OTHER U.S. ASSISTANCE TO CHILE. FOR HIS PART, HE DOES NOT WANT ARMS FOR ARMS' SAKE. HE WOULD MUCH RATHER DEVOTE RESOURCES TO ECONOMIC INVESTMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF CHILE. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE CANNOT IGNORE THE THREAT POSED BY THE "MADMAN" TO THE NORTH. PERU ALREADY HAS UPWARDS OF 300 TANKS, MORE THAN 100 OF WHICH ARE OF SOVIET ORIGIN, AND CONTINUES TO INCREASE ITS ARMAMENTS DAILY. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, PERUVIAN TALK ABOUT ARMS LIMITATION IS MEANINGLESS AND CHILE HAS AN URGENT NEED TO LOOK TO ITS DEFENSE.
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